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Dear George,

Busy as you are, you are not the only busy men in the world. Your failure to respond when others address you places a needless extra burden upon them.

Internal Revenue is auditing our books. And I mean auditing, very carefully. While I have no reason to assume there is anything untoward in it, I believe it be a rather meticulous checking. The man has been here four times and is not finished.

Today something potentially embarrassing happened. He asked for the records of my expenses on trips and selected several at random. One of those he chose is my trip to San Diego. If he compares that with income, he is bound to have some questions about it, for the return fall far short of the cost, and no one will believe that is a speaking engagement.

As you know, I was using your speaking engagement to finance a chance to see others in California and attempt to bring them up to date on what I had learned, etc., so the expenses are much greater than a trip to San Diego only. Additionally, I went back by way of New Orleans then had to make an unexpected trip to Dallas, then had to return to N.C. when Jim asked me to. So, the expenses are higher than I had anticipated when I left home and there was and could have been no income on this trip save from San Diego, which was supposed to pay transportation and a small honorarium. I am aware of the problems you did not anticipate.

When I left you said you'd try and find some way of straightening it out. I assumed you would if you could. When you called me you said you were sending me \$100 toward this end. When it never arrived I wrote you several times, for I had and have no way of knowing whether you did send it and it got lost in the mails.

Now I have not bugged you about this, if I am again stuck with a loss on a trip to California, it is but a repetition of every other trip I made there when I was promised in advance otherwise. But right now it can present problems to me over and above the constant financial problem of no income and continuing expenses, meaning increasing indebtedness. When I phoned several weeks ago I raised this question with Malvina. She said you intend making this up.

If you do, I wish you could do it promptly so the accounts will look better. In any event, please be responsible enough to let me know.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg